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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))**Docket Number (Optional)  
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## 1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

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The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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Amount	Fee	(Code)	Amount	Fee	(Code)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	3 ½ yr fee	(1551)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 490	3 ½ yr fee	(2551)
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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 490

## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ 700 (Fee Code 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 700

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 1190☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

## 6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. OVERPAYMENT

As to any overpayment made, please

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## 8. SHOWING

The enclosed statement will show that the delay in timely payment of the maintenance fee was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely and that this petition is being filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The statement must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which the patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

## 9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.



Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

September 9, 2010

Date

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## ENCLOSURES:

- ☒ Maintenance Fee Payment
- ☐ Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely
- ☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)
- ☐ Other:

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

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Signature

September 9, 2010  
Date

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STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

In late March, 2007, Petitioner received a letter from Dennison Associates regarding the payment of the maintenance fee for the U.S. Patent. In April, 2007, Petitioner met with Mr. John Jeffrey of Dennison Associates, Petitioner's agent, and advised him that due to a shortage of funds, Petitioner would be unable to pay the maintenance fee. At that time, Petitioner also misunderstood the maintenance fee requirements for U.S. Patents and assumed that this maintenance fee would be an annual fee similar to the Canadian Patent. Subsequent to that meeting, Petitioner moved from the Brunswick Street address and further correspondence from Mr. Jeffrey was returned. A copy of this correspondence and returned envelope is attached. As Petitioner did not have any telephone service at that time or subsequent, Mr. Jeffrey was unable to correspond further with Petitioner.

In March, 2010, Petitioner contacted Mr. Jeffrey in an attempt to sell or license the patent and was informed by Mr. Jeffrey that the patent had expired for non-payment of the maintenance fee. Petitioner was also advised of the procedure to petition for reinstatement and the costs associated with the petition. At that time, Petitioner did not have the funds available to go forward with the request and was only able to raise them in late July, 2010. Since that time Petitioner has taken the steps to promptly file this petition.

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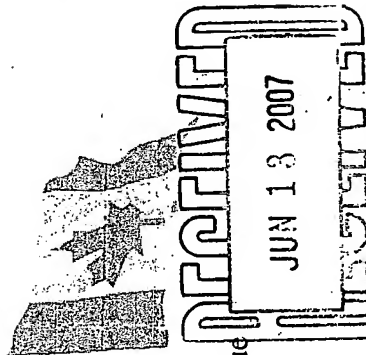
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OUR REF: JJ-11028US

May 28, 2007

Mr. Michael Porter  
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Dear Michael:

Re: United States Patent No. 6,648,330 B2  
Title: **THREE DIMENSIONAL PUZZLE**  
Patentee: Michael Porter


Further to our letter dated March 30, 2007 and in view of your instructions that we no longer act as your agent, we have not paid the first maintenance fee, which was due May 18, 2007. This patent will now be abandoned, however, it can be reinstated on payment of the maintenance fee and a penalty by November 18, 2007.

I understand that you will be looking after the maintenance fee. Here is the United States Maintenance Fee address:

United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 371611  
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We have now closed our file on this matter.

Yours very truly,  
DENNISON ASSOCIATES



John Jeffrey

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